

CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE
COMMON COUNCIL
PRE-COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 1, 2015

The Common Council of the City of West Lafayette, Indiana, met in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Morton Community Center on October 1, 2015, at the hour of 4:30 p.m.

Mayor Dennis called the meeting to order and presided.

Present: Bunder, Burch, DeBoer, Hunt, Keen, and Thomas.

Absent: Dietrich

Also present were City Attorney Burns, Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes, IT Director Alexander, Public Works Director Buck, Facilities Director Clark, Police Chief Dombkowski, Parks Superintendent Fawley, Human Resources Director Foster, Fire Chief Heath, WWTU Director Henderson, Street Commissioner Payne, and Director of Development Poole.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ordinance No. 26-15 An Ordinance Setting The 2016 City Budget And Setting The 2016 Tax Levy On Property And Tax Rate (Prepared by the Clerk-Treasurer)

Mayor Dennis read Ordinance No. 26-15 by title only.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes noted that the County Council did approve the City's budget through its non-binding review process on September 28.

There was no further discussion.

Ordinance No. 32-15 (Amended) An Ordinance Amending Various Section Of The West Lafayette City Code To Comply With Second Class City Status (Sponsored by Mayor Dennis)

Mayor Dennis read Ordinance No. 32-15 (Amended) by title only.

There was no discussion.

Ordinance No. 33-15 (Amended) An Ordinance To Establish A Parking Fine Surcharge And A Parking Permit Surcharge (Sponsored by Mayor Dennis)

Mayor Dennis read Ordinance No. 33-15 (Amended) by title only.

There was no discussion.

Ordinance No. 34-15 A Fire Protection Ordinance Providing For Payment Of Fire Hydrant Rental Costs By Indiana American Water Company Ratepayers (Sponsored by Mayor Dennis)

Mayor Dennis read Ordinance No. 34-15 by title only.

There was no discussion.

Resolution No. 19-15 A Resolution Of The City Of West Lafayette, Indiana Authorizing The Use Of Surplus Bond Proceeds For A Sewage Works Project (Sponsored by Mayor Dennis)

Mayor Dennis read Resolution No. 19-15 by title only.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes asked City Attorney Burns if he wanted to address the intent to postpone this resolution.

City Attorney Burns stated that he will have to check his notes and confer after the meeting.

[Discussion on Resolution No. 19-15 is continued below.]

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 35-15 To Amend Certain Portions Of The Unified Zoning Ordinance Of Tippecanoe County, Indiana, Designating The Time When The Same Shall Take Effect (UZO #85) (Outdoor Advertising Restrictions) (Submitted by Area Plan Commission)

Mayor Dennis read Ordinance No. 35-15 by title only.

Councilor Hunt asked Councilor Keen to talk a bit about this item. She stated that she sees that it prohibits signs from being within 2,000 feet from the right-of-way, and it covers all of our US 231 in West Lafayette.

Councilor Keen stated that it covers not only US 231, but also the Wabash River Scenic Byway and the Hoosier Heartland Corridor throughout Tippecanoe County.

Councilor Hunt asked if there are any particular things we should worry about, and stated that it looks like the vote was unanimous.

Councilor Keen responded that he does not think there is anything to worry about. He thinks that this is a good ordinance that mirrors the current ordinance we have in West Lafayette prohibiting billboards. This will include the entire County in all three of those areas, before anybody decides that it is a smart idea to put up a billboard.

Councilor Hunt asked about election signs.

Councilor Keen responded that this has nothing to do with those. This is only for billboards.

There was no further discussion.

Ordinance No. 36-15 To Amend Certain Portions Of The Unified Zoning Ordinance Of Tippecanoe County, Indiana, Designating The Time When The Same Shall Take Effect (UZO #86) (Parking Standards) (Submitted by Area Plan Commission)

Mayor Dennis read Ordinance No. 36-15 by title only.

There was no discussion.

Ordinance No. 37-15 An Ordinance Requesting An Additional Appropriation For The Cumulative Capital Development Fund (CCD-IT) (Prepared by the Clerk-Treasurer)

Mayor Dennis read Ordinance No. 37-15 by title only.

There was no discussion.

Resolution No. 21-15 A Resolution Requesting The Transfer Of Funds (Police) (Prepared by the Clerk-Treasurer)

Mayor Dennis read Resolution No. 21-15 by title only.

There was no discussion.

Resolution No. 19-15 A Resolution Of The City Of West Lafayette, Indiana Authorizing The Use Of Surplus Bond Proceeds For A Sewage Works Project (Sponsored by Mayor Dennis) [Continued from above.]

City Attorney Burns stated that after reviewing email communication, he would ask the Council to postpone Resolution No. 19-15 to the November meeting. He explained that there will be related items on the agenda and this will make more sense in context with those items.

Mayor Dennis read Resolution No. 19-15 by title only.

Councilor Keen motioned to postpone Resolution No. 19-15 to the November Council meeting. Councilor Burch seconded the motion, and the motion passed by voice vote.

There was no further discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at this time, Councilor Burch moved for adjournment. Mayor Dennis adjourned the meeting, the time being 4:37 p.m.